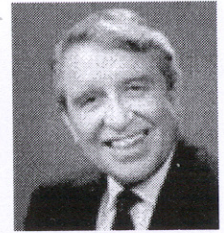




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## **California Strengthens Handgun Safety**

***Senator Jack Scott and Assembly Majority Leader Kevin Shelley  
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Handgun Safety got a critical boost with the enactment of AB 35 by Assembly Majority Leader Kevin Shelley and SB 52 by State Senator Jack Scott. The identical bills strengthen requirements for the state's Handgun Safety Certificate.

Beginning January 1, 2003, new handgun acquisitions will require a Handgun Safety Certificate under the new law. Applicants will have to pass a written test, provide a thumbprint, and proof of residency. With each new purchase, they will have to demonstrate that they understand the gun's safety features and know how to operate it.

"Handgun buyers should know how to use guns before bringing them into their homes and communities. While we can't stop every death caused by gunfire, this law will save lives and prevent many injuries," said Scott. Senator Scott's son, Adam, was shot and killed in 1993 by a person who carelessly handled a gun.

"It is time to get serious about public safety," said Shelley. "This law will help prevent injuries and accidental deaths that occur each year because of the unsafe handling of guns. Without this, one could literally watch a video, eat popcorn and buy a gun."

SB 52 and AB 35 were endorsed by a long list of supporters ranging from key law enforcement groups to the Million Mom March.

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